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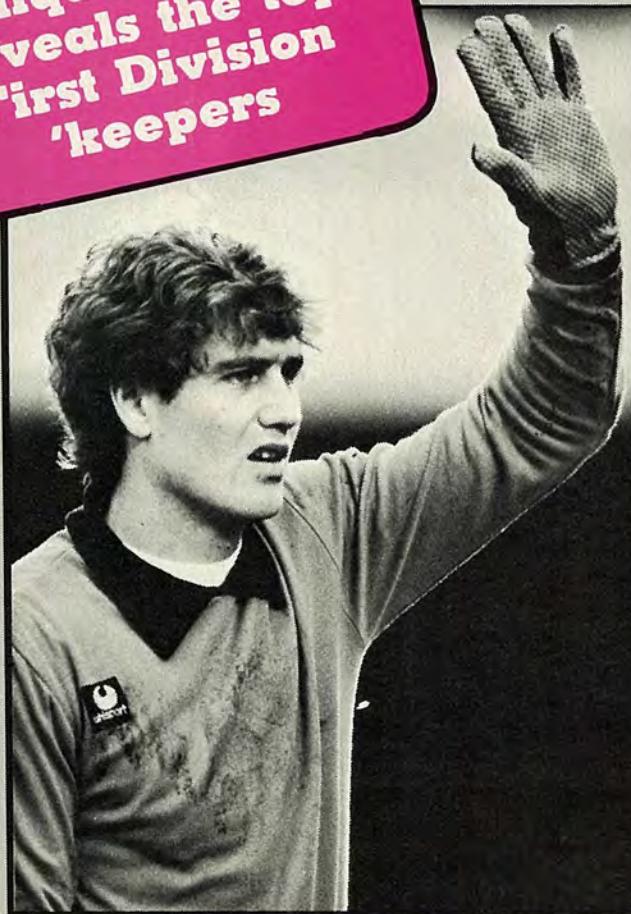
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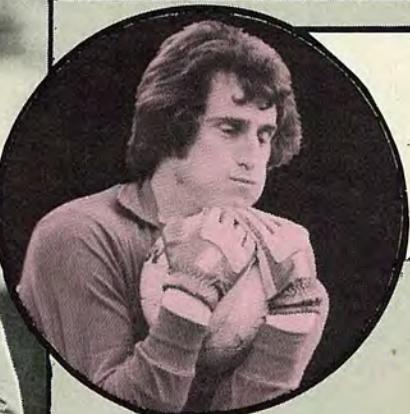
Match Weekly's unique survey reveals the top First Division 'keepers



Above: Southampton's Peter Wells — sixth in the exclusive Match Weekly form chart.

Top: Paul Cooper couldn't stop this penalty from Liverpool's Terry McDermott, but the Ipswich 'keeper still finished third in our table.

Left: Tony Godden had a big hand in helping West Brom clinch a UEFA cup place, conceding one goal per game in the League last season.



The first column in the table on the right shows the number of games played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Arsenal's Pat Jennings conceded, on average, one goal every 85 minutes.

Only League goals have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who played at least ten games qualified for inclusion.

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MANCHESTER United's Gary Bailey had the safest pair of hands in the First Division last season.

United may have had a mediocre season by their own high standards, but England B international Gary maintained impressive form throughout.

He conceded only 35 goals in 40 League matches, an average of a goal conceded every 103 minutes, to leave experienced international goalkeepers in his wake.

Gary, hailed as the possible successor to current England men Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan, finished ahead of one of his Old Trafford predecessors, Aston Villa's Jimmy Rimmer.

Jimmy was the rock-like foundation on which Villa built their Championship success. He was ever-present and conceded just 40 goals.

THE SAFEST HANDS IN SOCCER-Division 1

TOP STOPPERS

			Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1	Gary Bailey	Man United	40	35	103
2	Jimmy Rimmer	Aston Villa	42	40	94
3	Paul Cooper	Ipswich	38	37	92
4	Tony Godden	West Brom	42	42	90
5	Peter Shilton	Nottm Forest	40	41	88
6	Peter Wells	Southampton	30	31	87
7	Ray Clemence	Liverpool	40	42	86
8	Pat Jennings	Arsenal	31	33	85
9	John Lukic	Leeds	42	47	80
10	Chris Turner	Sunderland	27	35	69
11	Paul Bradshaw	Wolves	38	50	68
12	Jim McDonagh	Everton	40	54	66
13	Jeff Wealands	Birmingham	39	54	65
13	Joe Corrigan	Man City	37	51	65
15	Peter Fox	Stoke	42	60	63
15	Barry Daines	Tottenham	28	40	63
17	Jim Platt	Middlesbrough	40	59	61
18	Mark Wallington	Leicester	42	67	56
19	Graham Moseley	Brighton	26	43	54
19	Les Sealey	Coventry	35	58	54
21	Paul Barron	C. Palace	34	68	45
22	Roger Hansbury	Norwich	22	45	44



Above: A thoughtful Gary Bailey rubs together the hands that became the safest in the First Division last season.

Above left: Jimmy Rimmer didn't miss a League game in Villa's Championship season and let in only 40 goals.

We thought the World



THERE has never been a prouder moment in my career than the night we defeated Hungary in Budapest to breathe life back into our bid to reach the World Cup Finals.

It is always a great feeling to lead England out as captain but this was something special.

As I walked out into the Nep Stadium I looked back over my shoulder at the lads filing out behind me and thought: "Ron has picked the right side. We can do it."

And 20 minutes after the start I just knew we were going to win.

Ron Greenwood had been criticised for recalling his experienced players but whatever the outcome of the game I knew he had chosen the right men for this particular job.

It was our World Cup final. That's how we regarded it in our preparation for the game – and we were so high after our victory we actually thought we had won the World Cup.

Let's face it, if we had lost it would almost certainly have been our last game for England – that goes for just about everyone in the side.

Defeat would have put us out of the World Cup and few of us could have been included in plans for the 1986 Finals.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons everyone did so well. It was one of our greatest performances for a long time.

It wasn't just that we won in

*Above left:
Hang on lads, there's three minutes left... Ron Greenwood and Don Howe signal the time left from the bench.*

*Left:
Coppell takes flight... England's winger darts past the challenge of Hungary's Varga.*

WORLD CUP SCRAPBOOK

49 Weeks to go

POOR old Mexico! Despite qualifying for the North and Central America (Concacaf) play-off by finishing second to Canada in their group, Mexico can't seem to do anything right with their fans.

After drawing with Canada 1-1 and beating United States 5-1, they accepted a challenge from First Division Guadalajara to prove their worth – then lost 2-1!

★ ★ ★

YUGOSLAVIA have been promised a healthy £4,000 bonus if they qualify for Spain. Already second behind Italy, it looks like easy money, if they can take points in Denmark and Greece.

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Italy	5	4	0	1	9	3	8
Yugoslavia	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Greece	5	3	0	2	6	7	6
Denmark	6	3	0	3	10	7	6
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

★ ★ ★

IN A desperate bid to salvage qualification, Turkey are planning to approach former Brazilian star Didi to coach them to a place in Spain.

Already Turkey have sacked two managers Messrs Sumer – after the 1-0 home defeat by Wales – and Demircan relieved of his post following the Czechs 3-0 in Istanbul.

★ ★ ★

AS PART of their World Cup preparation Argentina are planning a mini European tour in August and September.

But the squad will not include moustachioed 1978 star Leopoldo Luque, for the matches against Valencia, Alicante and Florence.

★ ★ ★

THE DRAW for the groups and matches of the Finals will take place in Madrid on January 6, 1982.

GROUP FOUR							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
ENGLAND	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Rumania	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Norway	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

● Table does not include Norway v Switzerland game played on June 17.

● REMAINING FIXTURES: Norway v ENGLAND (Sept. 9); Rumania v Hungary (Sept. 23); Rumania v Switzerland (Oct. 10); Hungary v Switzerland (Oct. 14); Hungary v Norway (Oct. 31); Switzerland v Rumania (Nov. 11); ENGLAND v HUNGARY (Nov. 18).

we'd won Cup

England's
triumphant skipper
**KEVIN
KEEGAN**
writes just for you

Hungary that pleased me . . . it was the way we won.

It was said after the game that Hungary were not as good as they had been cracked up to be. But they only played as well as we let them.

In football two teams can't play really well in the same game.

We found the right blend on the night and they couldn't cope with it.

They had their own stars. I thought Toroczik showed tremendous control of the ball. He ran past players in midfield and put them out of the game.

If he had done more of that in the box we might have been in trouble.

And their goalkeeper, Katzirz, was as good as anyone on the park. For such a big man, well over six feet, he was very agile.

But we had our own aces. Trevor Brooking had a magnificent game.

Trevor must have realised that this was definitely his last game for England if we lost. But despite the pressures he played the game of his life.

I always like to see Trevor's name in the line-up when I am playing. He makes me a better player.

I have now scored 20 goals for England and Trevor has made ten of them! He can win games when he's in the mood.

Trevor put us ahead 1-0 and then restored our lead with a great goal after they had equalised.

Then came the penalty. Despite being in the lead we needed to take the pressure off. I knew that if I scored it would kill the game for the Hungarians.

What most people didn't know was that the last time I took a

penalty for England was SIX years ago. It was against Switzerland in Basle . . . and I missed it!

But there was no disputing who would take the kick. The boss had asked me to take the penalties some time ago and I had said yes. So it was my responsibility.

Obviously I was a little nervous — though perhaps not as nervous as the many England fans watching the game on TV at home.

As I walked back to take my run up I thought: "The 'keeper's a big lad with a long reach . . . why don't you just blast it?"

But then I thought: "A guy that size will have a job to get down, so I'll keep it low."

Before I took the kick it would have been hard to find anyone in England to change places with me. But after the ball went in I'll bet everyone wanted to be in my shoes.

They are great situations to be in and I enjoy the responsibility.

Immediately after the game the Swiss asked me to do a TV interview.

But I was so choked up I couldn't talk. I've never been so emotional after a game.

Just like the other lads I really felt as though we'd won the World Cup.

We still have two tough games to go to get to Spain — but nothing will stop us now.



Saturday, June 6
World Cup Qualifier
GROUP FOUR

HUNGARY (1) 1 (Garaba 45)
ENGLAND (1) 3 (Brooking 18, 60, Keegan, pen. 74)
Att: 75,000

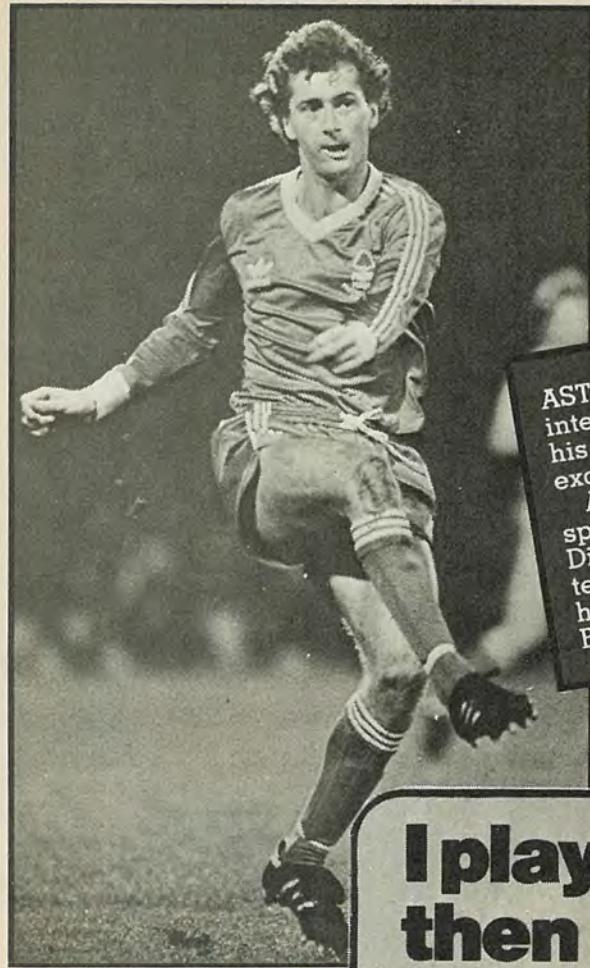
Hungary: Katzirz 8, Martos 7, Balint 7, Garaba 7, Varga 6, Muller 6 (sub. Komjati 6), Nyilasi 8, Mucha 6, Fazekas 7 (sub. Bodonyi 6), Kiss 7, *TOROCSIK 9.

England: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Thompson 8, Brooking 7, Mills 7, McDermott 7, *ROBSON 9, Watson (sub. Wilkins), Coppell 7, Mariner 7, Keegan 7.

Match Rating: ****

*Left:
Out of reach . . . Kevin Keegan guides his first penalty kick in six years for England wide of the Hungarian 'keeper.*





Above: Nottingham Forest's Trevor Francis — he was my striking partner at Birmingham.

Below: Peter Taylor — he wanted to sign me for Brighton before he joined Forest.



I play in the Soccer Bowl then it's home to England

BIRMINGHAM stepped in quickly to stop me dropping down to the Third Division with Brighton.

While I was in America with Portland Timbers my Wolves manager Bill McGarry sent me a telegram asking if I'd like to join Peter Taylor (now Brian Clough's assistant at Forest) at Brighton.

And because my first team chances were limited at Molineux I agreed to join the South coast club . . . until Birmingham boss Freddie Goodwin jetted in from England to snatch my signature.

The first I knew of Birmingham's interest was when I saw Freddie watching me training with Portland one day.

Of course I was happy to sign because I wanted to stay in Division One — and I was impressed that he'd flown all that way to sign me.

The fee was £50,000 and I looked forward to starting the 1975-76 season as a 'Blues' player.

But I missed the first four games because Portland qualified for the Soccer Bowl Final and when I arrived in Birmingham the storm clouds were already hovering over St. Andrews.

They'd lost three games on the trot and were struggling near the foot of the table.

My first game for them was at Ipswich — the same team I made my Wolves debut against — and despite two goals from Bob Hatton (now Sheff. Utd.) we went down 4-2.

Why they...

ASTON VILLA and England international Peter Withe continues his fascinating life story . . .

After a spell in South Africa Peter spent two seasons in the First Division with Wolves. This week he tells of his summer in America and his transfer to struggling Birmingham City.

'WIZARD of the nod' . . . 'The mad header' . . . that's what the amazed American soccer fans used to call me.

After my second season with Wolves I accepted an offer to spend the summer in America playing for Portland Timbers.

And I really set the fans talking because they'd never seen a player head the ball before — they couldn't believe that it didn't hurt me!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in America. Football was establishing itself as a sport out there and it was quite exciting to be spreading the gospel.

And the fans took to the game almost immediately — even though at first there were some funny moments.

One that springs to mind was when we played in Seattle against the Sounders and the home fans spent the first 15 minutes cheering us!

The confusion arose when we took to the field in the wrong colours and the fans



Above: Here I am in my Birmingham days (top row, far left). Terry Hibbitt is pictured on the middle row (fourth left) and Howard Kendall on the front row (fourth left).

My home debut was more successful for both myself and the team.

We drew 1-1 against high-flying Queens Park Rangers and I set up the goal for Howard Kendall (he's now in charge at Everton of course).

We won two of our next three games but it wasn't enough to

As told to Anthony Hawkswell.

prevent the board sacking Freddie Goodwin and replacing him with Willie Bell.

The new manager had different ideas as to how the team should perform and he asked me to play a wider role than I was used to up front . . . alongside a 'youngster' called Trevor Francis and Scotsman Kenny Burns!

Although the position didn't suit me I finished the season with 32 League games and nine goals to my credit.

But it wasn't enough to convince the manager that I was worth keeping.

NEXT WEEK: Life with Clough and Taylor at Nottingham Forest.

call me Wizard of the nod

thought we were the home team!

The lifestyle was great out there and so was the football. Portland's all-British team reached the Final of the Soccer Bowl.

It was my first-ever final, but unfortunately I wasn't destined to end up on the winning side and we were beaten 3-1 by Tampa Bay Rowdies.

My spell in America helped my own play enormously. As well as scoring 19 goals in 23 games I picked up the valuable experience of playing competitive matches week in, week out.

The **PETER WITHE Story**

A goal I'll always remember

TERRY HIBBITT and myself were destined to play together for Newcastle . . . but before we did, we combined to score a great goal against them.

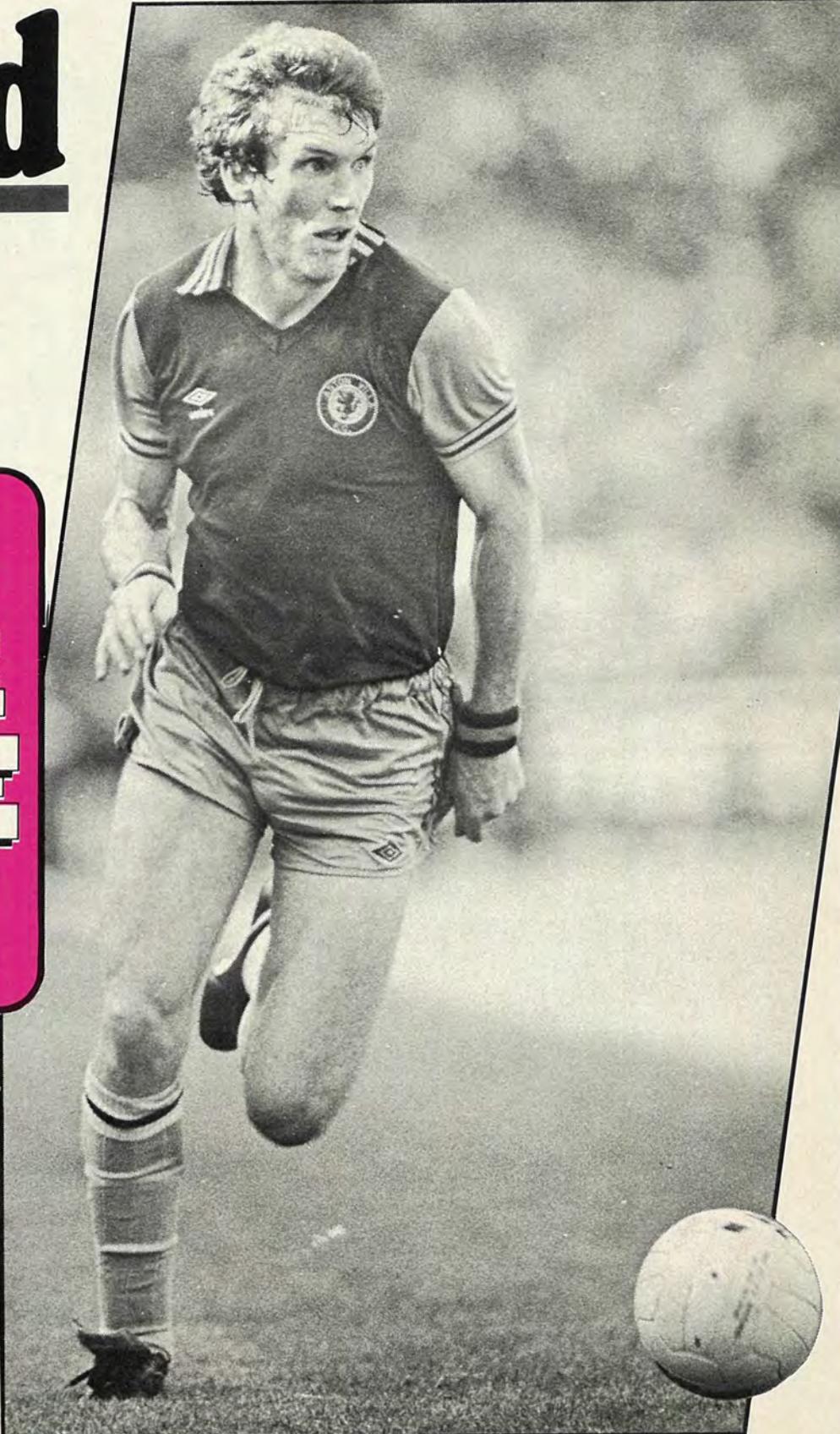
It was one of the highspots of my short stay at Birmingham. I hit two goals against the North East side and one will live in my memory for a long time.

Terry, who has sadly retired from the game because of injury, played a great ball to me on the edge of the box.

I came running on to his pass and hit the ball first time past the 'keeper, John Mahoney.

It ranks as the best goal I scored for Birmingham and sent the 31,000 St Andrews fans into raptures.

We finished up 3-2 winners thanks to a Trevor Francis penalty which guaranteed us both points.



Nothing



- Above: Stop that if you can! The ball is flying from Trevor Brooking's left boot for one of the most spectacular goals he'll ever score. Hungarian defender Balint can only watch and wonder. It was a marvellous return to the England side for the West Ham maestro whose first goal gave England the lead in the 18th minute.
- Right: White-shirted England centre forward Paul Mariner rises high above his marker Martos in one of the game's many aerial duels. Mariner struck up a good understanding with Keegan in the England attack to cause the Hungarian defence all kinds of problems.



- Above: It's all over. England have done it and goalscorers Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking can at last afford a smile as they are interviewed on the pitch inside Budapest's Nép Stadium after the match. The England celebrations went on long into the night as the Hungarians were left to ponder what went wrong.
- Right: It's there! Even giant Hungarian goalkeeper Katzirz can't get to the ball this time as Kevin Keegan slots home England's third goal from the penalty spot in the 74th minute to the relief of his team mates and everyone back home.

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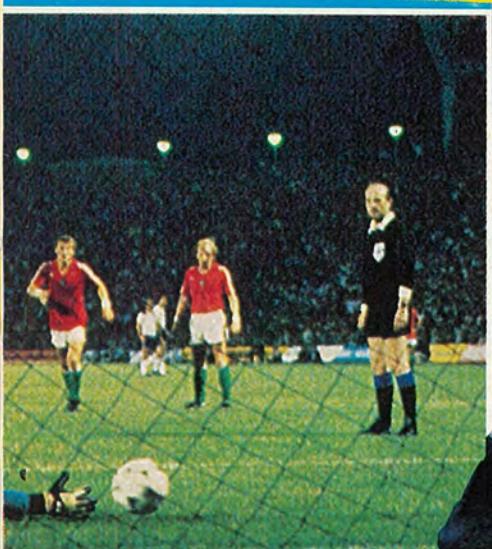
NOTHING will stop us now . . . the words are those of England skipper Kevin Keegan and the message is loud and clear — Spain here we come!

England entered their game with Hungary in Budapest's Nap Stadium favourites for the World Cup chop.

Instead it was Ron Greenwood's men who wielded the axe to produce a stirring 3-1 victory that will almost surely take them to the Finals in Spain.

The chips were down. But when it mattered the England players responded magnificently.

Pride was restored. Confidence was re-captured. Best of all there was a smile on Ron Greenwood's face again . . .



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RECORD RECEIPTS: £48,589.84 v West Ham, Division Two, September 22, 1979.

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LEAGUE RECORD: 1920 original members of Division Three; 1921 Division Three (South); 1948-52 Division Two; 1952-58 Division Three (South); 1958-67 Division Three; 1967-68 Division Two; 1968-69 Division One; 1969-73 Division Two; 1973-79 Division One; 1979 Division Two.

HONOURS: Division One runners-up 1975-76; Division Two runners-up 1967-68 and 1972-73; Division Three (South) Champions 1947-48, runners-up 1946-47; Division Three Champions 1966-67; League Cup Winners 1966-67.

RECORD VICTORY: 9-2 v Tranmere, Division Three, December 3, 1960.

RECORD DEFEAT: 1-8 v Mansfield, Division Three, March 15, 1965 and v Manchester United, Division One, March 19, 1969.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 67, Division Three, 1966-67.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 111, Division Three, 1961-62.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON: George Goddard, 37, Division Three (South) 1929-30.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN AGGREGATE: George Goddard, 172, 1926-34.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Don Givens (Republic of Ireland) 21.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tony Ingham, 519, 1950-53.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £1,250,000 from Arsenal for Clive Allen, June, 1980.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £45,000 to Everton for Andy King, Sept. 1980.

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Dave Mangall, Jack Taylor, Alex Stock, Tommy Docherty, Les Allen, Gordon Jago, Dave Sexton, Frank Sibley, Steven Burfenshaw, Tommy Docherty, Terry Venables (current).

ADDRESS OF CLUB SHOP: Supporters Club Shop, Queen's Park Rangers FC, South Africa Road, London W12.



Clive Allen — returned to Queen's Park Rangers after £1 million moves to Arsenal and Crystal Palace.



Place the Stars

Here is a team of international stars, but which country does each player represent?

1 Schrijvers, 2 Baresi, 3 Gerets, 4 Ondrus, 5 Cullinan, 6 Botteron, 7 Kippiani, 8 Socrates, 9 Six, 10 Kempes, 11 Simonsen.



Left: Eric Gerets... with which country does he play?

Above: Socrates... a familiar face, but with which national side?

TOP 10

How is your football knowledge?

- 1 Who scored England's goal in the 2-1 defeat at the hands of Switzerland last month?
- 2 Which club is nicknamed the 'U's'.
- 3 How many caps did former Sheffield United manager Martin Peters win for England — 47, 57 or 67?
- 4 Which club plays at Fellows Park?
- 5 Who did Alan Mullery succeed as manager of Brighton?
- 6 Ipswich won the UEFA Cup this year but what was the aggregate score in their final with AZ 67?
- 7 Who became player-manager of Fourth Division Bradford City last month?
- 8 How many times have Spurs won the FA Cup?
- 9 Alan Kennedy joined Liverpool from which other League club?
- 10 Who refereed this year's League Cup Final?

NICKNAMES

Match up the clubs on the left with the nicknames on the right.

1) Bury	a) Quakers
2) Swindon	b) Borderers
3) Darlington	c) Robins
4) Berwick	d) Shakers

LETTER JUMBLE

Sort out this jumble of letters to find the name of a well known international in the First Division.

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BADGE POSER

WHICH four League clubs do these crests represent?
To help solve the quiz we've narrowed the field down to these eight clubs: Portsmouth, Wrexham, Stoke, Plymouth, Hull, Millwall, Colchester or Chelsea.



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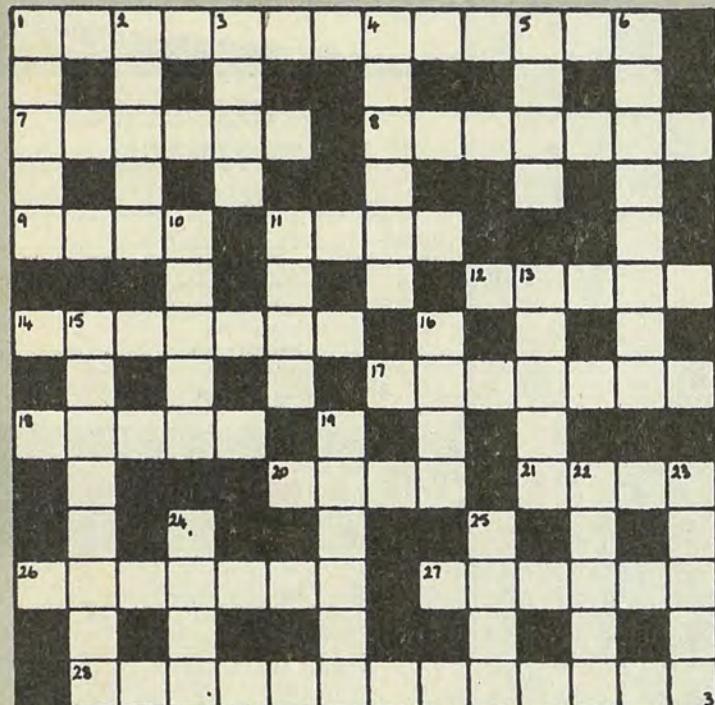
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Mark your entry Crossword (No. 63) Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough and make sure it reaches us by first post Friday, June 26. And look out for the winners names to be published in our July 11 issue.

SOCCER CROSSWORD compiled by David Peck

Across

1. The star player at the game you've seen (3,2,3,5)
7. The nickname of Wrexham (6)
8. Archie ---, Birmingham City and Scotland star (7)
9. Tricky players often back --- the ball (4)
11. See 22 down
- 12 & 14. "Gosh! Ivan Dodd" (anagram) — the Middlesbrough striker (5,7)
17. A keeper who --- the ball may let in a goal (7)
18. ... Hackett refereed this year's FA Cup Final (5)
20. Television soccer presenter and chairman of Coventry City (4)
21. Liverpool's nickname (4)
26. Club promoted to Division Three (7)
27. Liverpool beat West Ham to win the --- Cup (6)
28. Devon club in Division Four (7,6)



Name

Address

Age

Down

1. Month in which the League Cup Final was played (5)
2. Peter --- played 500 games for Newcastle, Swindon and Burnley before joining Blackpool (5)
3. Soccer supporters (4)
4. The nickname of Crystal Palace (6)
5. See 16 down
6. It comes after 45 minutes (4-4)
10. One of Aston Villa's colours is --- blue (5)
11. At a throw-in the thrower must have part of each --- on or outside the touch-line (4)
13. One of Newport County's colours (5)
15. What a draw earns (3,5)
- 16 & 5 down. When the referee whistles finally (4-4)
19. City where Austria beat England 4-3 in 1979 (6)
- 22 & 11 across. The height of the cross-bar above the ground (5,4)
23. "Dates" (anagram) — a defender who joined Southend from Spurs (5)
24. An injury mark left by another player's studs (4)
25. Dixie ---, famous old Everton and England striker (4)

STAR NAMES

CAN you identify these four First Division footballers by the following facts?

A: This Northern Ireland international plays for one of the Manchester clubs and was born in Canada.
 B: Elegant England midfield star who scored the winner in the 1980 F.A. Cup Final.
 C: Scottish international winger who's goal gave his country victory over England at Wembley in May.
 D: Welsh midfield dynamo who was transferred from Crystal Palace to another London club near the end of last season.

SOLUTIONS

Answers: 1. Jimmy Nicholl (Manchester United); 2. Trevor Brooking (West Ham); 3. John Robertson (Nottingham Forest); 4. Peter Nicholas (Arsenal).

TOP NAMES

Answers: 1. Terry McDermott; 2. Oxford United; 3. 67; 4. Walsall; 5. Peter Taylor; 6. 5-4; 7. Roy McFarland; 8. Six; 9. Newcastle; 10. Clive Thomas.

PLACE THE STARS

Answers: 1. Holland; 2. Italy; 3. Belgium; 4. Czechoslovakia; 5. West Germany; 6. Switzerland; 7. Russia; 8. Brazil; 9. France; 10. Argentina; 11. Denmark.

LETTER JUMBLE

Answers: 1. Plymouth Argyle; 2. Colchester United; 3. Millwall; 4. Stoke City.

BADGE POSER

Answers: 1. France; 2. Holland; 3. Belgium; 4. Czechoslovakia; 5. West Germany; 6. Switzerland; 7. Russia; 8. Brazil; 9. France; 10. Argentina; 11. Denmark.

NICKNAMES

Answers: 1/d, 2/c, 3/a, 4/b.

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Ian Porterfield (left) with club skipper Jimmy Mullen — now the successful partnership is over.



SPOTLIGHT on last season's Third Division Champions Rotherham United ... the pride of Yorkshire.

The club has enjoyed three spells in Division Two since their election to the Football League in 1893.

They spent 17 years in the division third spot in 1951 and 1968 and achieved

They were relegated to the Fourth Division in 1973, but within two years had regained their Third Division status.

Now the First Division is within their sights once more ...

ROTHERHAM'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

1893 — Elected to Division Two
1896 — Failed re-election
1919 — Re-elected to Division Two
1923-51 — Division Three (North)
1951-68 — Division Two
1968-73 — Division Three
1973-75 — Division Four
1975-81 — Division Three

Left: Praying for goals is Rotherham's £100,000 striker Ronnie Moore. His prayers were answered with 21 League goals.

Rotherham's League record since they returned to Division Three in 1975.

Season	Highest position reached	Final position	Top scorer
1975-76	7th (Dec 20)	16th	Finney (11)
1976-77	1st (Dec 28)	4th	Crawford (23)
1977-78	5th (Sept 17)	20th	Finney (13)
1978-79	5th (Dec 23)	17th	Phillips (14)
1979-80	1st (Sept 8)	13th	Finney (11)
1980-81	1st	1st	Moore (21)

Thirteen years after relegation from Division Two . . .

ROOTHERHAM ROAR BACK

ROOTHERHAM United return to the Second Division next season after an absence of 13 years . . . minus the manager who led them back.

Ian Porterfield quit Millmoor under a cloud earlier this month to take over the hot seat at rival Yorkshire club Sheffield United.

And his shock move down into the Fourth Division will doubtless be mourned by Rotherham fans.

He raised a few eyebrows last summer when he splashed out £300,000 on four new players.

But the Third Division Championship trophy sitting in the club boardroom is testament

to his shrewd investments.

In came Millwall pair John Seasman and Tony Towner (£180,000), Cardiff striker Ronnie Moore (£100,000) and Sheffield Wednesday defender Jimmy Mullen (£25,000) . . . and up went the 'Merry Millers'.

Long-serving central defender Paul Stancilffe paid tribute to Ian's work as manager when he said:

"Those four players were the final pieces of the jigsaw.

"We always had a pretty good side but lacked the consistency to get promotion.

"Jimmy Mullen's arrival from Wednesday improved my game no end and gave the defence confidence.

"He led by example and I always knew he would be there to cover when I went in for a challenge.

"Tony Towner and John Seasman gave us experience and flair in midfield and but for Ronnie Moore's 21 goals we wouldn't have made it.

Honesty

"While the newcomers made the difference however our success was based on all round team work and hard graft which was the manager's style.

"He worked hard and expected honesty and hard work in return from the players. I believe we gave him that last season."

Rotherham finished last season unbeaten at home and boasting the best defensive record in the country — conceding only 32 goals.

It's no surprise therefore when Paul says: "If we can reproduce our form of last season then I believe we can hold our own in the Second Division."



Defender Paul Stancilffe is looking forward to life in the Second Division.



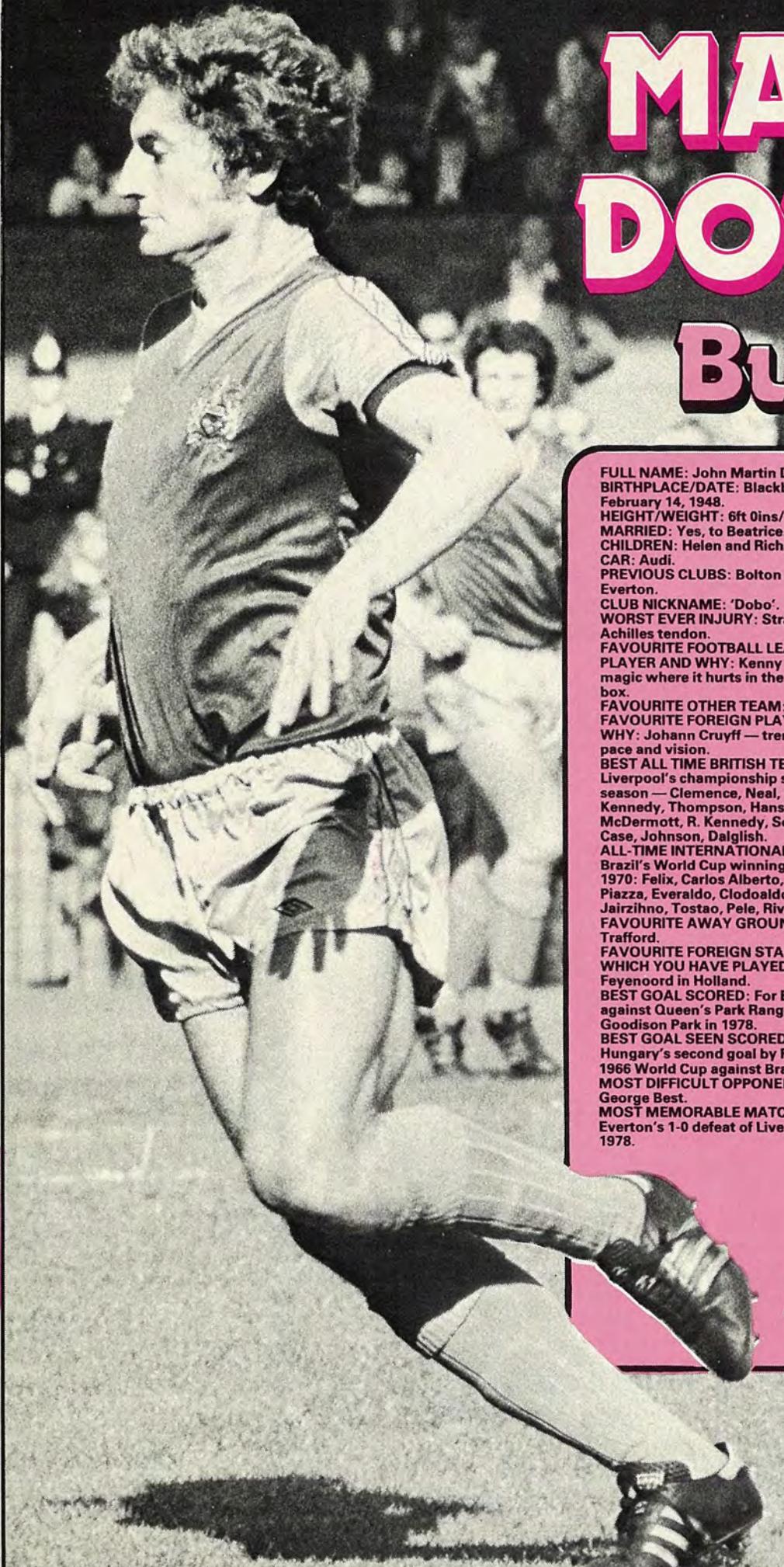
The goal that clinched the Third Division championship. Rodney Fern snatches the crucial goal in the 2-1 defeat of Plymouth.



Former Brighton and Millwall midfield player Tony Towner is a big hit with the fans at Millmoor.

MARTIN DOBSON

Burnley



FULL NAME: John Martin Dobson.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Blackburn, February 14, 1948.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 0ins/12st 8lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Beatrice.
CHILDREN: Helen and Richard.
CAR: Audi.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bolton and Everton.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Dobo'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Strained Achilles tendon.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — magic where it hurts in the penalty box.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Everton.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johann Cruyff — tremendous pace and vision.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Liverpool's championship side last season — Clemence, Neal, A. Kennedy, Thompson, Hansen McDermott, R. Kennedy, Souness, Case, Johnson, Dalglish.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's World Cup winning side in 1970: Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Clodoaldo, Gerson, Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Feyenoord in Holland.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Everton against Queen's Park Rangers at Goodison Park in 1978.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Hungary's second goal by Farkas in 1966 World Cup against Brazil.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: George Best.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Everton's 1-0 defeat of Liverpool in 1978.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Scoring a hat-trick in 1978 against Wimbledon in the 8-0 win.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Aston Villa in 1977 League Cup Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and cricket.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning, cats, sun and watching Bjorn Borg.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, do-it-yourself, politics and moaners.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Desmond Bagley.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Fleetwood Mac and Donna Summer.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Weetabix.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Tom Conti and Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Ten.
BEST FRIENDS: My children.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Jimmy Adamson and Gordon Lee.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Dishonesty, greed and bitterness.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Omelette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Five full England caps and one under 23 cap.
PERSONAL AMBITION: Family to be happy and healthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To stay clear of serious injury.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Keeping some boarding kennels.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Burnley's Brian Laws.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bob Hope.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Live right, train hard, listen to respected professionals and coaches.

GOLDEN GOAL

Liverpool's European Cup Final hero ALAN KENNEDY re-lives the goal that could decide his future.



• Above: Liverpool's Scottish stars Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen are almost always inseparable when it's time to celebrate another trophy.

LIVERPOOL'S European Cup Final hero Alan Kennedy feels his 83rd minute winner in Paris could decide his whole future.

That's how much importance he attaches to the goal that shattered Real Madrid and brought the cup back to Anfield for the third time in five years.

"The night had been a long time coming for me, but I feel I have made it at last with Liverpool," says the former Newcastle defender who has been contesting the left back spot with Avi Cohen and Richard Money.

Added Alan, the man they have nicknamed 'Barney Rubble' because of his resemblance to

the 'Flintstones' cartoon character: "That goal has given me an incentive to grab a permanent place now or move on. It is up to me, but that goal can be the whole future for me."

Reflecting on the moment that provided him with the highlight of his soccer career, Alan said: "I received the ball from a throw-in and saw the space ahead.

"The chance was there when a defender mis-kicked and I just kept on going before slamming the ball home. It was the greatest moment I've had in football.

"I've won the League, the League Cup and the Charity Shield but this tops the lot. I can still hardly believe it."

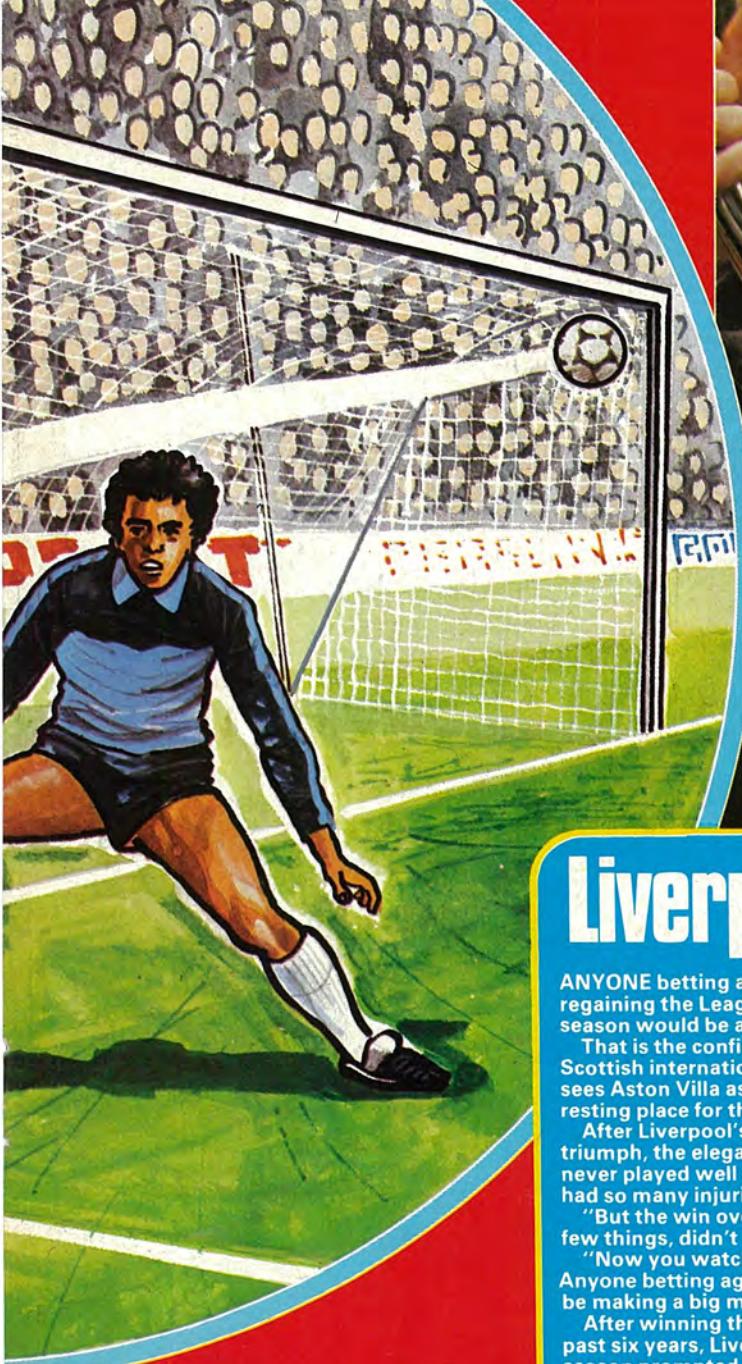
BARNEY N!



• Re-created... the moment struck Liverpool's Cup winner.

Right: You little beauty! Liverpool's glittering European prize!

IT'S BIG IGHT



Alan Kennedy

ool skipper Phil Thompson snuggles up to



Liverpool's League? You bet!

ANYONE betting against Liverpool regaining the League Championship next season would be a fool!

That is the confident forecast from Scottish international Alan Hansen who sees Aston Villa as merely a temporary resting place for the glittering prize.

After Liverpool's third European Cup triumph, the elegant defender said: "We never played well at all last season and we had so many injuries.

"But the win over Real Madrid proved a few things, didn't it?

"Now you watch us go next season. Anyone betting against us in the League will be making a big mistake."

After winning the title four times in the past six years, Liverpool's fifth placing last season prompted suggestions that the Anfield machine was beginning to go rusty.

But Alan dismisses the doubters whose claims were fuelled by three home defeats which followed a remarkable unbeaten 85-game sequence.

"It was just one of those things. Leicester battled well when they beat us, but we should have put six past Manchester United. When Sunderland won at Anfield we weren't really 100 per cent.

"Even after Christmas we thought we could win the title. The trouble was we had already let in 30 goals . . . but winning the European Cup is more than ample consolation."

Alan's optimism for the future is endorsed by midfield operator Ray Kennedy who knows more than most about winning medals.

He collected his 14th major honour in Paris, including the 'double' with Arsenal in the early seventies and three European Cup medals with Liverpool.

He says: "I promise you this present Liverpool side will go on and win trophies for at least another two seasons."

"And that is talking with a lot of experience behind me. I have never felt more certain."

GLENN
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REVEALS

MY PRIZE

Hunt...Brilliant finish

THERE were some great goals to savour last season — not least Ricky Villa's matchwinner in our FA Cup Final replay with Manchester City.

But the best in my opinion was a brilliant effort from Coventry midfielder Steve Hunt.

It was the winning goal in the 'Sky Blues' 2-1 League victory over Birmingham at Highfield Road last November.

And when ITV invited me along to their studios for a day to judge their annual 'Goal of the Season' competition, Steve's special was my selection.

After picking up the ball he beat one man, played a great one-two with Garry Thompson and then bent the ball round Birmingham 'keeper Jeff Wealands — the finish was

brilliant.

The goal I placed next best was scored by Manchester City's Phil Boyer (then with Southampton) against Ipswich at the Dell the same month.

He flicked the ball up and hit it on the turn into the top corner from the edge of the box.

Of the goals I scored last season the one that gave me most satisfaction was for England in the friendly against Spain at Wembley.

The ball was nodded out by their big centre half and it fell perfectly for me to hit a low right foot shot into the corner of the net.

Right: Coventry's Steve Hunt — scorer of the 'Goal of the Season'.

BEST GOAL

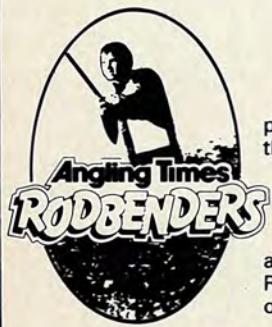


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FLASHBACK to the December 13 issue of Match Weekly when we featured the Steve Hunt matchwinner which Glenn Hoddle Reveals.

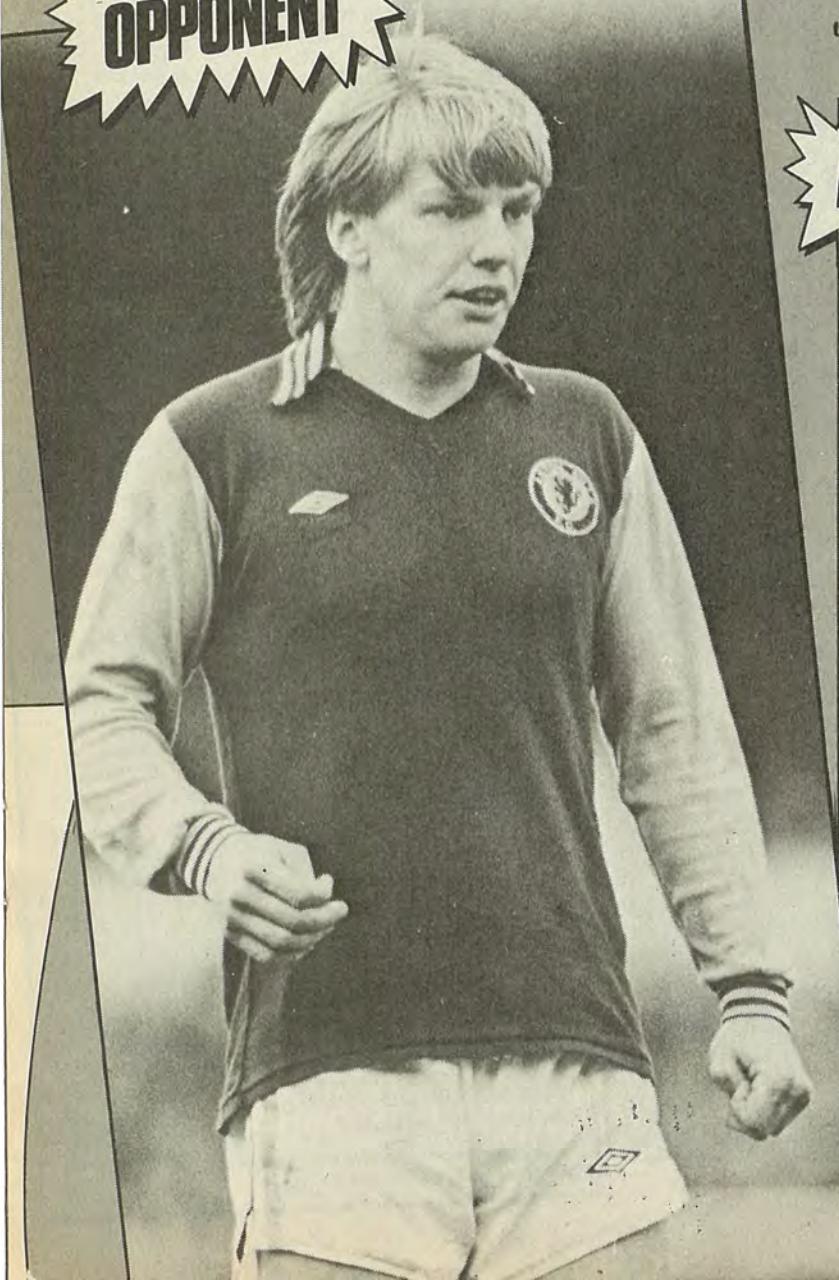
GUY'S!

SHAW...SUCH FLAIR

MANCHESTER CITY goalkeeper Joe Corrigan always seems to play well against Spurs and he certainly lived up to that in our two games with the Maine Road club at Wembley.

But if I had to pick our most difficult opponent last season I would go for young Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw — he enjoyed

TOUGHEST OPPONENT



an exceptional season.

He certainly played well in Spurs two matches against Villa last season.

On the subject of Villa I was pleased that a side who are always looking to win — even away from home — won the League Championship.

They have a good, young, attacking side and they've got a lot more flair than people sometimes give them credit for in players like Gary Shaw, Dennis Mortimer, Gordon Cowans and Peter Withe.

Match columnist Glenn Hoddle of Spurs and England singles out some of last season's outstanding individuals.



Thijssen...consistent

FRANS THIJSSEN gets my vote as the outstanding player of last season.

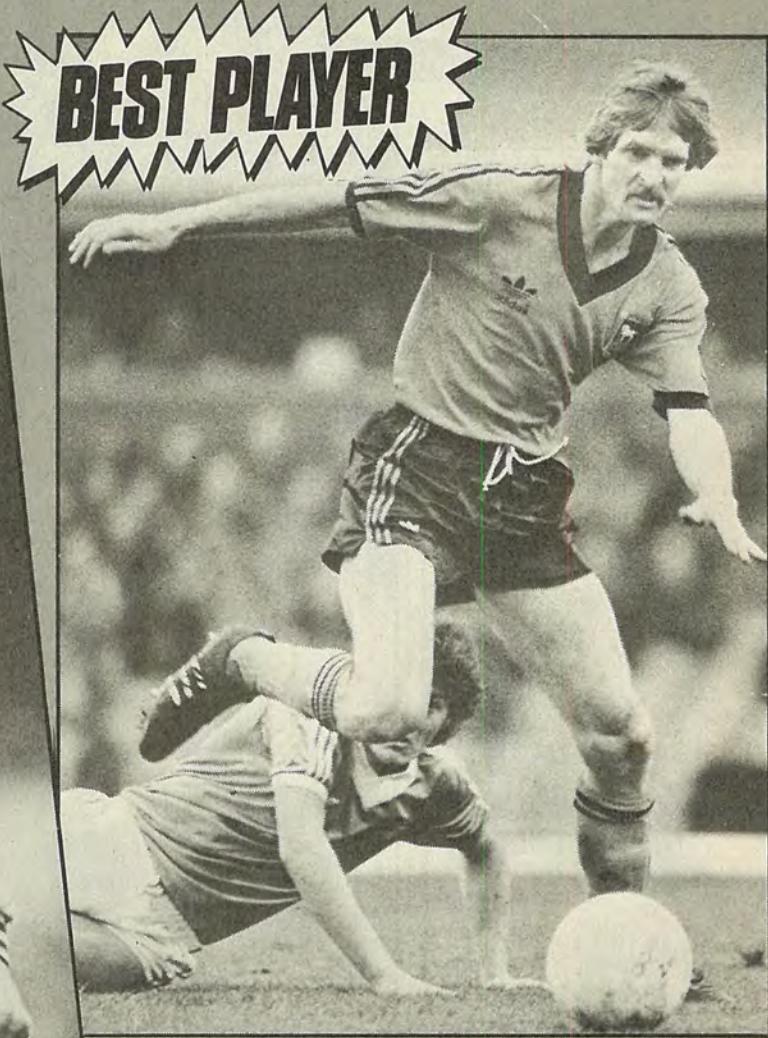
He was my choice for the PFA 'Player of the Year' although the man who took the award was his team mate John Wark.

Frans played consistently well throughout the season.

His fellow Dutchman and team

mate Arnold Muhren also had a great season I thought.

Both have very good footballing brains and possess great vision, but they are different types of players in that Muhren's passing ability is his great strength and Thijssen is better known for taking players on.



Above: Frans Thijssen — outstanding player for his club, Ipswich Town.

Left: Gary Shaw of Aston Villa — enjoyed an exceptional season.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT

N. Ireland star
CHRIS NICHOLL
reviews his country's World Cup chances

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NORTHERN Ireland's World Cup hopes hang in the balance.

After the 1-0 defeat in Sweden their central defender Chris Nicholl admits: "We're in the disappointing position of having to rely on other teams dropping points.

"We needed to win or draw to be masters of our own destiny.

"Now we've got to look to other teams doing a job for us," said the Southampton star.

"The lads were down after the defeat, but we're still determined to get to Spain.

"We just didn't play well in Sweden. As the game wore on it became obvious that a mistake or an indifferent refereeing decision would swing it.

"Unfortunately the ref's usually give 50-50 decisions to the home side and that's how it worked out — they scored from the spot.

"The Swedes were a completely different proposition to the team we beat in Belfast," added Chris.

That day the Irish romped to a 3-0 win with goals from Blackburn's Noel Brotherton and Manchester United pair Sammy McIlroy and Jimmy Nicholl.

Ireland still have two games left to play in Group Six — both at home — against Scotland and Israel.

"The big game is obviously the Scottish match, but it's vital we come away from both with the four points tucked under our belt," added Chris, who's made over 30 appearances for his country.

Their main rivals for that coveted place in the World Cup Finals in Spain are Portugal, who still have to face group leaders Scotland.

A Gerry Armstrong goal beat the Portuguese in Belfast while the Irish went down 1-0 in Lisbon.

"They're another team that plays completely differently away from home. They're not very good travellers.

"If the Israelis can pull off a shock result against them we'll be back in with a shout," added Chris.

Northern Ireland's World Cup results to date

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS
Mar. 26, 1980	Israel (a)	0-0	
Oct. 15, 1980	Sweden (h)	3-0	Brotherton, McIlroy, Nicholl J.
Nov. 19, 1980	Portugal (a)	0-1	
Mar. 25, 1981	Scotland (a)	1-1	
Apr. 29, 1981	Portugal (h)	1-0	Hamilton
June 3, 1981	Sweden (a)	0-1	Armstrong

*Northern Ireland's results first in each case.

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
N. IRELAND	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Portugal	4	2	1	1	4	1	5
Sweden	5	1	2	2	1	5	2
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

● Table does not include result of Sweden v Portugal game played on June 17.

Remaining fixtures: Scotland v Sweden (Sept. 9); Portugal v Sweden, NORTHERN IRELAND v Scotland (Oct. 14); Israel v Portugal (Oct. 28); NORTHERN IRELAND v Israel, Portugal v Scotland (Nov. 18).

Left: Northern Ireland's Chris Nicholl: "We've got to rely on other teams now."

Russia...my bet to win the group



WALES' star full-back Joey Jones underlined the spirit running through the Welsh camp when he declared: "Every time we play for our country we play as though it's our last game."

Joey, one of the heroes of Wales' draw with Russia at Wrexham last month, told Match Weekly:

"Although there will have been a four month gap between that game with Russia and our next match in Czechoslovakia all the lads will be raring to go because it will be a month or so into the new season."

"The way Mike England has got the team playing now I see no reason why we can't give as good as we get if we qualify for Spain.

"We are in a tough group. Iceland are probably the weakest team and we got off to a good start by beating them 4-0 even though we didn't play that well in the first half.

"In the second half we got at them a bit more and scored what were three quite simple goals.

"Turkey were the next opponents and again we beat them 4-0 — this time at home.

"We later beat them 1-0 away and that was a great result because they are a tough side, especially on their own soil.

"I remember when we played them in the European Championship in 1979 we lost 1-0 over there.

"And when I played for Liverpool in the European Cup against Turkish Champions Trabzonspor we lost 1-0 at their place.

"After Turkey came Czechoslovakia. I was injured and so missed the game but it was another great win. They are one of the top teams in Europe.

"Finally it was Russia and I think, if I'm honest, they will probably win the group on the form they

admits Wales star
JOEY JONES

showed against us.

"It always seemed they could step up a gear and although a lot of Welsh fans expected us to win that match I was pleased with our 0-0 result on the day.

"They had some very good players — Chivadze, Kippiani, Blokhin on the wing and Besanov who was good coming forward.

"We'll be trying to sew up our place in the finals before we go to Russia in our last qualifying fixture because it's going to be very difficult over there.

"Having said that I think we can get a result over there if need be.

"West Ham proved the Russians are not invincible when they won 1-0 away to Dinamo Tbilisi after losing 4-1 at home in the Cup Winners Cup.

"Before the Russia game we play Czechoslovakia away and Iceland at home — three points from those games and we should be there."



Wales' World Cup results to date

DATE
June 2, 1980
Oct. 15, 1980
Nov. 19, 1980
Mar. 25, 1981
May 30, 1981

OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS
Iceland (a)	4-0	Walsh (2), Giles, Flynn
Turkey (h)	4-0	Flynn, James (2), Walsh
Czechoslovakia (h)	1-0	Giles
Turkey (a)	1-0	Harris
Russia (h)	0-0	

* Wales' results first in each case.

GROUP THREE

WALES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	5	4	1	0	11	2	6
Russia	4	3	0	1	7	1	5
Iceland	3	2	1	0	5	18	2
Turkey	5	1	0	4	5	1	13

Remaining fixtures: Iceland v Turkey (Sept. 2); Czechoslovakia v WALES (Sept. 9); Russia v Turkey, Iceland v Czechoslovakia (Sept. 23); Turkey v Russia (Oct. 7); WALES v Iceland (Oct. 14); Russia v Czechoslovakia (Oct. 28); Russia v WALES (Nov. 2); Czechoslovakia v Russia (Nov. 30).

Joey Jones: "If I'm honest Russia will probably win the group, but I'm confident we can sew up our place in Spain before we play them again."

THE FANS' CHOICE

Who were the supporters' 'Players of the Year' in the Fourth Division?

Match Weekly provides you with the answers in this list of the supporters club winners.

At the time of going to press, four clubs — Halifax, Hartlepool, Bournemouth and Tranmere — had not decided their awards.

FOURTH DIVISION WINNERS 1980/81

CLUB
 Aldershot
 Bradford City
 Bury
 Crewe
 Darlington
 (shared)
 Doncaster
 Hereford
 Lincoln
 Mansfield
 Northampton
 Peterborough
 Port Vale
 Rochdale
 Scunthorpe
 Southend
 Stockport
 Torquay
 Wigan
 Wimbledon
 York

PLAYER
 Les Briley
 Michael Wood
 Paul Hilton
 Geoff Hunter
 Peter Skipper
 David Speedie
 Alan Little
 Danny Bartley
 Trevor Peake
 Arthur Mann
 Keith Williams
 Michael Gynn
 Russell Bromage
 Nigel O'Loughlin
 Vince Grimes
 Derek Spence
 Les Bradd
 Peter Coffill
 Colin Methven
 David Beasant
 Eddie Blackburn

THIS SEASON	CLUB CAREER			
	Lgue apps	Lgue goals	Lgue apps	Lgue goals
44	1	56	1	
41	1	129	8	
24	13	57	19	
46	4	86	8	
46	2	46	2	
44	4	44	4	
37	7	59	9	
45	4	56	4	
43	1	88	2	
44	2	77	2	
39	2	128	6	
28	4	63	7	
45	4	95	7	
44	2	210	12	
45	3	109	10	
46	21	68	26	
44	10	117	31	
27	1	101	11	
46	2	80	4	
34	0	36	0	
44	0	44	0	

Above: Goalkeeper David Beasant played a vital part in Wimbledon's promotion success.

Left: Northern Ireland international striker Derek Spence whose 21 goals helped Southend win the Fourth Division championship.

Above: Long-serving Nigel O'Loughlin helped Rochdale to mid-table security after having to apply for re-election last year.

Just a picnic for 'nice guy' Brooking

NOTHING hurts the England players more than to see the boss, Ron Greenwood, being criticised.

He's like a father figure to us and we can't do enough for him.

So it was great to see him with a smile on his face once more after our 3-1 win in Hungary.

Everyone could sense what he'd been going through and he must have been thinking 'why should I bother?'

We all wanted to do so well for him so you can imagine how we felt when we lost in Switzerland.

Our whole world seemed to fall apart in the space of two minutes when they got those two goals.

It was like a morgue in the dressing room after the game. There was just

MATCH columnist and England number nine Paul Mariner re-lives that winning feeling in England's vital World Cup qualifier in Budapest.

stunned silence because we all thought that the Hungary game would be the toughest of the tour.

We had a few days to dwell on the Swiss result before we faced Hungary and we all knew we had a lot to prove.

We had a little team meeting before the game and the boss said they had three excellent players — the captain Nyilasi, striker Torocsik and the sweeper Balint.

He told us that other than those three there shouldn't be too much to trouble us and if we played as we can we would win. It was sink or swim and we swam!

"Trevor Brooking is such an unassuming guy that when he came into the dressing room at the end you'd have thought he'd just come in from a picnic!"

The boss made a couple of changes and when he announced the team he explained that he'd gone for character and experience.

We knew it was going to be a cauldron inside the Nep Stadium and he wanted players that had been through the mill. It was time for us to stand up and be counted.

Of course it's history now that Trevor Brooking came in and scored two of our three goals.

Left: England manager Ron Greenwood — smiling again.

I was so pleased for him because he'd been out in the cold for a while and it was good to see one of the game's nice guys doing so well.

But Trevor's such an unassuming guy. When he came into the dressing room at the end you'd have thought he'd just come in from a picnic instead of such an important international!

I was pleased with my own performance in the second half and I struck up a tremendous understanding with Kevin Keegan.

I think we both enjoyed playing up front together.

There's a bit of a gap before England's next World Cup qualifier in Norway, but I don't think that will have any adverse effects — it will be a welcome rest.

Victory in that match and in the last game against Hungary at Wembley should see us OK for Spain.

Now for some cricket

THE celebrations went on long into the night after England's victory in Hungary.

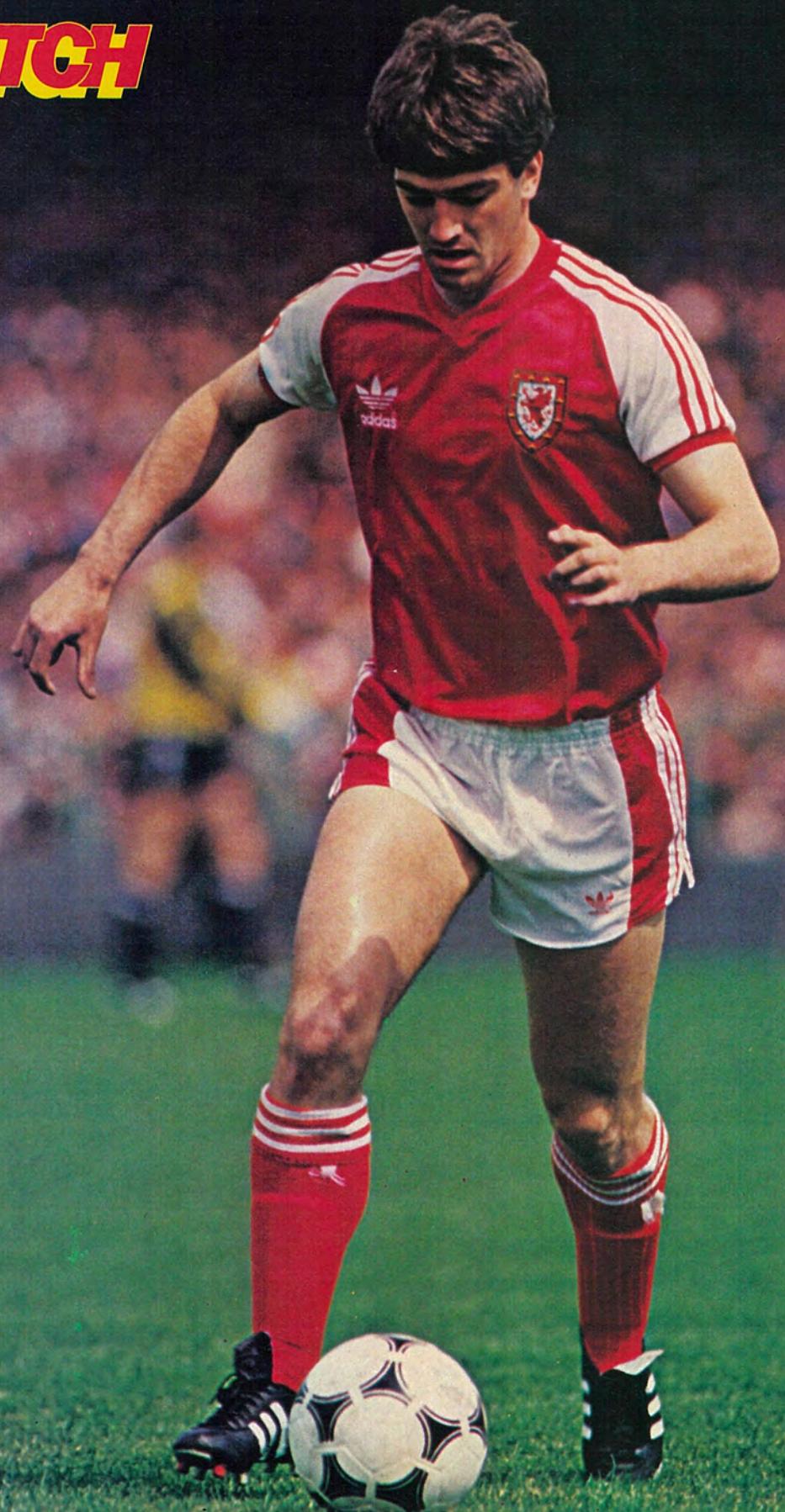
The players from both the senior squad and the Under-21 squad all got together for a slap up meal and a drink.

We flew back home the following day and although I got back feeling tired I was soon on a plane again — this time to play in a friendly with the Ipswich lads in Canada.

What I'm really looking forward to now is spending some time at home and putting my feet up to watch some cricket.



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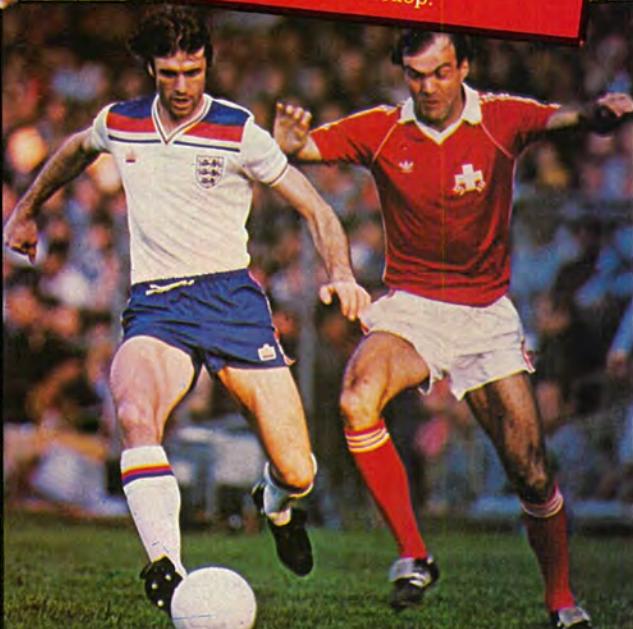
ME AND MY SHADOW

Never far from the shoulder — or the shins — of England captain Kevin Keegan, in Basle was Swiss marking specialist Heinz Ludi.



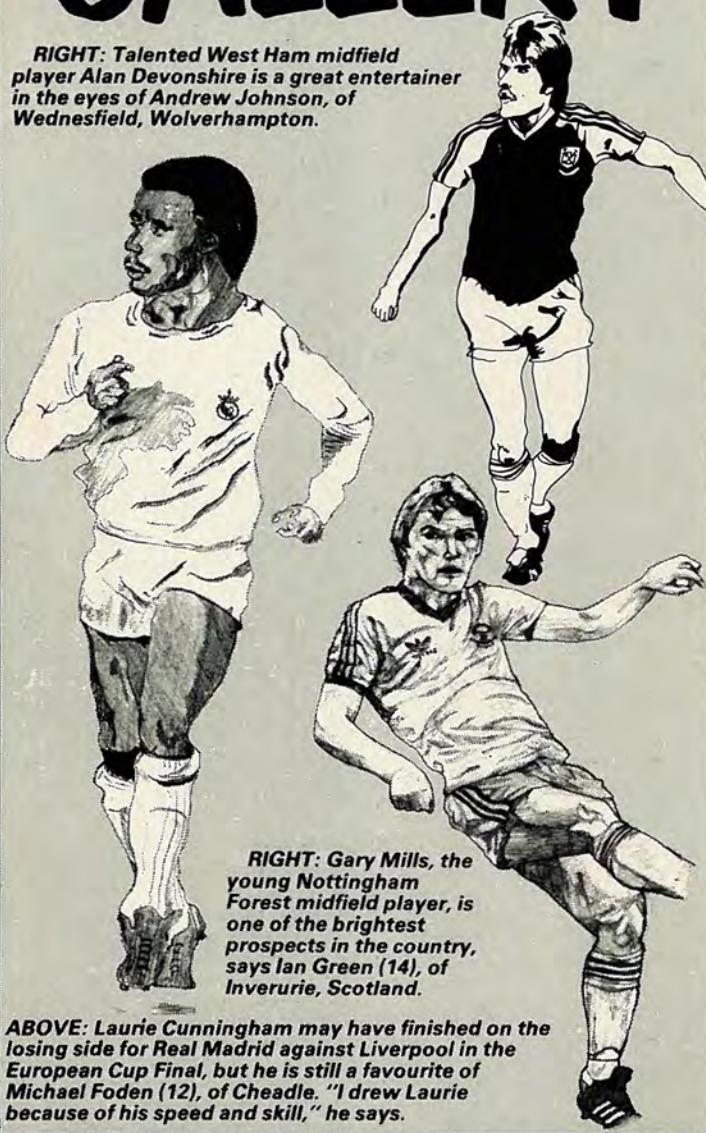
Here in this action special from England's World Cup qualifying match against Switzerland, Keegan gets entangled with his shadow, while (below) Dave Watson outpaces Umberto Barberis.

Above: One for the album, Kevin Keegan exchanges pennants with Swiss captain Rene Botteron watched by East German referee Adolf Prokop.



STAR GALLERY

RIGHT: Talented West Ham midfield player Alan Devonshire is a great entertainer in the eyes of Andrew Johnson, of Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.



RIGHT: Gary Mills, the young Nottingham Forest midfield player, is one of the brightest prospects in the country, says Ian Green (14), of Inverurie, Scotland.

ABOVE: Laurie Cunningham may have finished on the losing side for Real Madrid against Liverpool in the European Cup Final, but he is still a favourite of Michael Foden (12), of Cheadle. "I drew Laurie because of his speed and skill," he says.

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Scots can thank the ref

FRENCH referee R. Wurtz should have been presented with a pair of glasses after the England-Scotland game at Wembley. After awarding the Scots a legitimate penalty following Bryan Robson's foul on Steve Archibald he missed an even

more obvious offence when Willie Miller pulled back Trevor Francis in the box.

That decision cost England a draw they deserved and would have sent them to Switzerland with a little more confidence. Colin Renfold (11), Greenwich, London.

Cup stinker!

EUROPEAN Cup Finals are becoming boring affairs — for the last four years we've had to endure 1-0 results.

Everyone was predicting that the Liverpool versus Real Madrid game would be a cracker — but it ended up a stinker!

The UEFA Cup is supposedly lower standard but the two

legged finals were much more exciting to watch.

Is it a coincidence that an English club has won the European Cup for the past four years after dull finals or is there something wrong with our game? Stephen Hill, Queensferry, Deeside, Clwyd.

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Reds restore Geordie pride

No manager in the world can touch the record of Liverpool boss Bob Paisley.

Bob became the only manager to lead a team to three European Cup Final victories . . . and there's more to come!

Bob's a Geordie and isn't it strange that a Geordie (Ray Kennedy) scored the winner in the semi-final and a Geordie (Alan Kennedy) scored the winner in the Final!

It's a great boost for that part of the country and it shows we've still got plenty to offer. John Forster, Denton Burn, Northumberland.

LEFT: Liverpool's Alan and Ray Kennedy — Bob Paisley's reliable Geordies.

Shorter season will help England

ENGLAND will never be a world force until the Football League and FA get together and sort out the League season — it's too long.

We've got to shorten the season and give England manager Ron Greenwood a chance to get his players together for longer periods.

Until that happens our national team will continue to put in mediocre performances. Dean Reynolds (13), Solihull, West Midlands.

Disgusting fans

I WAS disgusted by the England fans' behaviour in Switzerland.

They're giving us a terrible reputation and I really feel sorry for the true fans who go out there.

Greg Littlewood, Woodborough, Notts.

Watch Watford go!

WATCH out for Watford — they'll be a force in the Second Division next season!

Many people still consider them as a Third Division outfit but manager Graham Taylor has been working hard building up his side and next season he could reap the benefits.

With players like Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong, evergreen Pat Rice and Kenny Jackett in his side there's obvious cause to be optimistic.

They're strong candidates for promotion and with their cup record could be outside bets for a Wembley appearance!

Peter Patterson, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey.

ENTERTAINING TOTTENHAM

FA Cup winners Tottenham Hotspur are football's best entertainers — according to Match Weekly's exclusive 'Match Facts'.

I've compiled an entertainment table from last season's League games and it shows 'The Cockerels' as clear leaders.

According to 'Match Facts' Spurs produced six 'classic' performances and were 'good value' 16 times.

Their nearest challengers were League champions Aston Villa with four 'classic' displays.

I think you'll agree my table (below) makes interesting reading.

John Waddington, Ainsdale, Southport, Merseyside.

	Classic	Good	Satisfactory	Dull	Waste of Money
	Value				
ASTON VILLA	4	16	20	2	—
ARSENAL	—	11	28	3	—
BIRMINGHAM CITY	2	9	24	7	—
BRIGHTON	1	20	17	4	—
COVENTRY CITY	1	11	25	5	—
CRYSTAL PALACE	—	15	19	8	—
EVERTON	1	16	16	9	—
IPSWICH TOWN	2	19	21	—	—
LEEDS UTD	—	4	28	10	—
LEICESTER CITY	1	10	24	4	3
LIVERPOOL	2	15	19	5	1
MAN CITY	1	12	25	4	1
MAN UTD	1	15	21	5	—
MIDDLESBROUGH	—	6	27	9	—
NORWICH CITY	3	9	24	6	—
NOTTM FOREST	1	11	28	2	—
SOUTHAMPTON	1	10	23	8	—
STOKE CITY	1	16	19	6	1
SUNDERLAND	—	13	21	7	1
TOTTENHAM H	6	16	18	3	—
WEST BROM ALB	1	8	19	14	1
WOLVES	—	8	24	9	1



Ossie Ardiles of FA Cup winners Spurs — his midfield skills have helped the London club top Match Weekly's entertainment table, says John Waddington of Ainsdale.

OUTRAGED!

Crazy qualifiers

THE qualifying system for the World Cup is totally unfair.

It's ludicrous that two teams from Africa and Asia should qualify for the Finals when it's obvious they're not as good as European teams who've been knocked out.

Only the best teams should qualify for the tournament — that's why it's called 'The World Cup'.

If the authorities keep using this silly way of selecting teams for the Finals they'll have to change the name of the competition.

Nicholas Etherton, Crawley, Sussex.

● DON'T knock it — next time FIFA might put England in a group with the likes of Togo, Haiti and Lesotho . . . and then perhaps we'll qualify!

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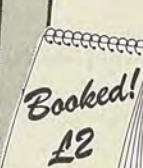
NO games — whether in the cup or league — should end in a draw.

Fans like to see a result either way and I reckon the best way of producing a result would be to decide the issue on penalties if there's a draw after 90 minutes.

This would produce more entertaining football because teams wouldn't shut up shop and defend a point — they'd have to go out and attack.

David Fox, Neville Holt, St. Martins, Jersey

● Just ask Graham Rix of Arsenal what he thinks of penalties! It's no answer because it reduces the game to a lottery.



Give us credit

IT'S about time the lower divisions got more credit.

Last season I saw both Bristol clubs in the Second Division and watched Torquay's Fourth Division matches — and there's not much difference between the standard of the two divisions.

Keith Bowker of Torquay is just as skilful as the overrated Mabbutt brothers.

Neil Emery, Blaise Dell, Henbury, Bristol

● IF the Bristol clubs don't watch out they could soon be joining Torquay in the Fourth Division. There's a big gap between the Second and Fourth Divisions.

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What you think of England!



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Hat-trick Heroes



David Cross, West Ham's 27 goal hero, who scored four goals against Grimsby to clinch the Second Division championship.

How four-goal Cross scuttled the Mariners

DAVID Cross sailed past the Grimsby defence four times to send West Ham back to the top flight as Second Division champions.

His four goal blast not only sent his team back to Division One in style, it also scuttled 'The Mariners' own promotion hopes as they went down 5-1.

"It was a very important game for both teams," recalls David. "We needed to win to take the championship and if Grimsby won they were favourites to come up with us."

But the match was very nearly postponed as rain lashed down

on the morning of the game leaving the pitch covered in water.

But David didn't let the weather put a dampener on Hammers push for honours and finished the day with the sixth League hat-trick of his career and his third for West Ham.

"The first was the best — because it was the most important. Grimsby had put us under pressure for the first half hour and I broke them down with a volley in the 32nd minute," said David.

"The second was a header after Alan Devonshire got to the

MATCH Weekly takes a look at last season's hat-trick heroes... the men who set the fans alight with three goals in a game.

This week David Cross of West Ham and Crewe's Peter Coyne tell of their glory days...

byeline, and I completed my hat-trick when I walked the ball into the net after Ray Stewart's shot had been parried by the keeper.

And as the disconsolate Grimsby fans were trudging out of Blundell Park David added a fourth with the last kick of the match.

"That was the most spectacular because it came from an overhead kick and was technically a good goal," added David, who also notched up a hat-trick in last season's European Cup Winners Cup game against Castilla (Spain).

Free transfer for top-scorer Coyne

FORMER Man Utd striker Peter Coyne hit four goals in one game last season and finished up as Fourth Division Crewe's top scorer with 13 league goals.

But it didn't stop the 22-year-old striker from being put on a free transfer by his hard-up club!

"I couldn't believe it. Not many players can have been put on the list after finishing up as top scorer," said Peter.

"Fortunately I've got until August before my contract runs out so that gives me a little breathing space.

"But it's going to be difficult to get fixed up because so many players have been released. I might have to try my luck abroad," said Peter.

"I played in America a couple of years back for Los Angeles Aztecs and enjoyed my spell out there. I'm thinking about returning," he added.

Peter's highlight of the season last term was when he hit four in Crewe's 5-0 demolition of Hereford.

"It was the first time I'd ever scored more than two in a game so I'll always remember the occasion.

"Two of the goals were simple tap-ins, another came from a corner and the other was a shot after a free-kick."

Right: Crewe's Peter Coyne — on a free transfer even though he finished the season as the Fourth Division club's top scorer.





Above: Former Stoke forward Sean Haslegrave has been released by Third Division-bound Preston.

Below: Jackie Ashurst a record £105,000 signing from Sunderland two years ago, will not be accompanying Blackpool into the Fourth Division.



• John O'Hare — saying goodbye to Cloughie at last

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JOHN O'HARE's long and successful association with Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough is over.

After following Brian to Derby, Leeds and Forest, the Scottish international striker has been given a free transfer by the former European champions.

Two other international players are also moving out of the First Division.

Welsh winger Peter O'Sullivan has left Brighton for Third Division Fulham, and Yugoslavian defender Dragoslav Stepanovic has parted company with Manchester City.

More than 300 players in the Football League received free transfers at the end of last season, most of them in the lower divisions.

In the Third Division those two long serving Millwall faithfuls John Jackson and Mel Blyth have left the Den as player-manager Peter Anderson builds for the future.

Right: Middlesbrough's Micky Burns may stay on the coaching staff after getting a free transfer.

An exclusive guide to players given free transfers at the end of last season.

FULHAM: Tommy Mason, Brian Corner, Brian Gibson, Doug Hatcher.

EXETER: Dick Forbes, Ian Cole, Roy Ireland, Steve Nutt.

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PORTSMOUTH: Terry Brisley, Steve Perrin, Steve Davey.

CHESTERFIELD: Phil Tingay, Glyn Chamberlain.

FOURTH DIVISION

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WIMBLEDON: Ray Goddard.

ALDERSHOT: Tommy Youlden, Dave Tomlin.

ROCHDALE: Alan Jones, Jimmy Seal, Eddie Cliff, Robert Higgins, Mick Stanley, Ted Oliver.

WIGAN: Dave Fretwell, Willie Gray, Dave McMullen, Lawrence Tierney, John Curtis, Bob Hutchinson.

DARLINGTON: Kevin Cane, Scott Milford, David Thompson, Kevin Barry.



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- Among all the thousands of Football League post-war players no one else had a shorter name than former Arsenal and Manchester United Scottish international half-back Ian URE.
- When the custom was for a player to receive a benefit after five years' service with a club, English international winger Tommy URWIN duly took such an award with each of the big three of the North-East . . . Middlesbrough, Newcastle United and Sunderland.

U IS FOR...

- The UNION OF EUROPEAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS (UEFA), formed in 1954 and the governing body of European competitions. Ipswich are the current holders of the UEFA Cup, beating AZ Alkmaar of Holland in the final last month.
- Wigan Athletic's Scots stars George and Billy URQUHART (no relation) and Steve UZELAC, the Stockport County defender formerly with Liverpool, Doncaster, Mansfield and Preston.
- UNIVERSITY football, which produces top class amateur players today and, in fact provided the FA Cup-winners OXFORD UNIVERSITY in 1874. They were also runners-up in 1873, '77 and '80.
- UNITED, the popular 'handle' for no fewer than 17 Football League clubs and two in Scotland — how many can you name? Here's one to start . . . West Ham UNITED, who incidentally play at UPTON PARK.
- That much sought-after type of footballer, the UTILITY player, who can turn his skill to so many roles. They include the multi-talented John Hollins (Arsenal), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Bryan Robson (West Brom), Mike Duxbury (Man U), Tony Henry (Man City), Kenny Burns (Forest), Steve Perryman (Spurs) and Derek Johnstone (Rangers).
- The country which stands between Wales and a place in the World Cup Finals in Spain, the USSR, which also produced this year's European Cup Winners Cup champions, Dinamo Tbilisi.
- URUGUAY, hosts and winners of the first World Cup in 1930 and again in 1950. Winners of their own invitation tournament in January and hotly tipped to do well in Spain in 1982.
- Internationals at UNDER-21 level, where so many nations prepare their stars of the future.
- Liverpool's record UNDEFEATED home run of 85 matches from January 21, 1978, to January 31, 1981, in which they won 69 and drew 16, before Leicester City ended the sequence.



A to Z of soccer

U is for Stoke's Dutch import Loek URSEM (colour picture).

U is for . . . Manchester UNITED'S brilliant young UTILITY player Mike Duxbury, a newcomer to England UNDER-21 side (far left).

U is for . . . Billy URQUHART, former Rangers striker now with Wigan (left).